National Programme on Rural Industrialisation

2583. Dr. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation (NPRI) in the industrially backward districts of Mahbubnagarand Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the achievements of NPRI in these districts so for, distict-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIKARIYAMUNDA): (a) and (b) Two rural clusters of Ponduru Khadi and Brass & Bell Metal Wares by Khadi and Village Industries Commission and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, respectively, have been identified for development in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh under the National Programme on rural Industrialisation (NPRI). The development works are at various stages of implementation in both the clusters. However, no cluster has, so far, been identified for development under NPRI in Mahbubnagar district.

Financial Assistance to Micro and Tiny Industries

2584. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for determining micro and tiny industry;

(b) whether any pamphlet is available for public to know as to which industry is a micro industry and which is a tiny industry; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid available to such industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Any industrial undertaking having investment in fixed assets i 11 plant and machinery not exceeding Rs. 25 lakhs is categorized as tiny industry. Micro industry has so far not been defined by Government.

(b) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries brings out regular publications highlighting definition of SSI and tiny units as well as Government's initiatives and facilities for all SSIs including tiny units.

(c) Financial assistance to SSIs including tiny units is given through various schemes/programmes as^per parameters laid down in this respect. These include schemes for 12% capital subsidy on loans taken for technology upgradaticn in selected sectors, 75% reimbursement of costs of certification upto Rs. 75,000 for acquiring ISO 9000 certification and 75% of cost of EAN/ UCC registration for bar coding by a tiny unit.